

uate of the Training-School of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and she was at one time the secretary of the Alumnae Association. She is the superintendent of a small hospital the graduates of which are disqualified from membership in the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association—for one reason, that the school uses its pupils as a means of earning money for the hospital. Instead of joining forces with the nurses of her State in an effort to control this abuse, we find her in the ranks of the obstructors.

Dr. Howard, superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and Miss Dolliver, superintendent of the Training-School, have declined to endorse this movement.

Miss M. M. Riddle, superintendent of the Newton Hospital and president of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, has refused to have any part in the new association, and we cannot believe that either nurses or doctors who possess the true professional spirit will take any part in an organization so opposed to State registration.

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## PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION

DURING the past month we have seen copies of the bills for registration prepared by the California, Colorado, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and District of Columbia Nurses' Associations. A number are already in the hands of the legislators and all that become laws will be published in full in these pages at the end of the season.

The standards of some of these bills are exceptionally fine. All ask for a Nurse Board of Examiners to be appointed from nominations from the State associations. In California and Colorado a High-School diploma or its equivalent with three-years' general hospital training is required.

California and Pennsylvania have the support of the State Medical Associations and leading medical journals. Connecticut will undoubtedly have such endorsement, as the leading medical men are in sympathy with the movement. Conditions seem to be in a measure doubtful in Massachusetts, Indiana, and the District of Columbia, owing to the conservative medical attitude in nursing affairs in these places.

The next three months will be most exciting in all States where legislation is in progress, and in just the proportion that nurses are active and united good results must follow.

In legislation the support from the small cities and towns counts for more than the activity in big cities. Every doctor, every legislator,

needs to be informed in his home district what State registration is for, and nurses are the only people who can give this information effectively. The public press can be made a powerful factor. There is work for every nurse in this winter's campaign. The more discouraging the obstacles, the greater the victory.

West Virginia has organized a State association, with Mrs. H. C. Lounsbury as president and Mrs. M. J. Steele as secretary. West Virginia nurses in drafting a bill will follow the lines of the Maryland statute.

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### THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS AND THE "NEWS LETTER"

THE new series of the *News Letter*, the official organ of the Guild of St. Barnabas, put out its first number in December, but we did not receive a copy in time for mention in January. It will be remembered by many of our readers that after publishing the *News Letter* for many years there came a time when the guild was obliged to discontinue it on account of expense and other reasons. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING offered the guild three pages of space free of charge and for a number of years the official reports and announcements were made through our JOURNAL. Then there came a time when this JOURNAL needed all its pages for other purposes and was obliged to withdraw its privilege of space to the guild, and now that association is again publishing the *News Letter* under new conditions. The first number is exceedingly attractive, including a portrait of Bishop Whitehead and a cut of Bishop Brent.

We hope the nurses who are members of the guild will give their cordial support to their official organ, and we wish the *News Letter* long success.

The following letter from the general secretary of the guild was omitted from an earlier issue through an error on the part of the Editor:

"ORANGE, N. J., November 11, 1904.

"Miss Isabel McIssac.

"DEAR MADAM: At the annual council of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses recently held at Boston, the letter from you for THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, withdrawing the privilege of using space in the JOURNAL for the guild news, was formally presented. The council directs me to express the thanks of the guild for the favor which has been enjoyed and their regret that it has been found inexpedient to renew the same.

"Trusting that the JOURNAL will have continued and increasing success, I am very respectfully yours,

"ANNA H. B. HOWE, General Secretary."